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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"May I know, Sir, how long this case is likely to go on and what will be the cost that the Government will have to incur on account of this trial?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I cannot say."

Jails

Employment of I.M.S. Officers as Superintendents of Jails.

* 1171 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many officers of the I.M.S. are employed in the Jail Department in the Madras Presidency;

(b) why I.M.S. officers who are Military doctors by profession are regarded by the Government as qualified to be Jail Superintendents;

(c) whether I.M.S. officers before being posted to Civil work receive any training or have any experience of Jail administration; and if so, what;

(d) whether the Government of India consult the Local Government before deputing I.M.S. officers for jail work in the Presidency; and

(e) whether the Government propose to represent to the authorities in Simla that it is undesirable in the interests of the administration to have doctors as Jail Superintendents?

A.—(a) Five.

(b) High medical qualifications and a certain amount of military training are considered desirable for the superior posts in the Jail Department, viz., Superintendents of Central Jails and Inspector-General of Prisons.

(c) Before any Indian Medical Service Officer who has not had previous service in the Jail Department is appointed as Superintendent of a Central Jail he should undergo a comprehensive course of training under a selected Superintendent of a Central Jail for a period of three months.

(d) On the application of the Local Government the Government of India nominate an Indian Medical Service Officer for employment in the Jail Department of this Presidency.

(e) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"In answer to clause (c), Sir, they say that a certain amount of military training is necessary. May I know from the hon. the Law Member for what reasons this military training is necessary?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"To keep control over the prisoners."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"May I know whether it is the particular gentleman who keeps control over the prisoners or it is the subordinate who ought to have any kind of military training?"

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"He, through his subordinate."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, whether these I.M.S. Superintendents of Jails are permitted to make experiments on the diet of the prisoners, almost to the risk of their lives?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"Are they allowed to make any medical experiments upon the patients?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No."

Village Courts Act

Introduction of an amending Bill to the Village Panchayats Court Act.

*1172 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government intend to bring an amending Bill to the Village Panchayat Courts Act, 1920; if so, when and at what stage it is; and

(b) whether it is proposed to give larger powers to the Village Panchayat Courts?

A.—(a) The Government have under consideration a Bill further to amend the Madras Village Courts Act, 1888. It is intended to make provision to the effect that a decree passed by a village court subject to the jurisdiction of one District Munsif can be transmitted for execution to another District Munsif. The Bill will be introduced in the Council as soon as it is ready.

(b) No.

Corporation

Subjects discussed at the conference of the hon. the Chief Minister and his colleagues.

*1173-A Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the final attitude of the Government in respect of subjects discussed at a conference recently held under the presidency of His Excellency the Governor between the hon. the Minister and his colleagues, the Minister for Public Health and the Finance Member and certain councillors of the Madras Corporation?

A.—Government have issued orders waiving the assessment of the old supply channel from the Red Hills Lake to Kilpauk water-works. They have also passed orders regarding the restoration from 1929-30 of the Government grant for the maintenance of the Mount Road and the Poonamallee High Road and the Corporation's contribution for the maintenance of the Government medical institutions in the city. The other subjects discussed at the conference are still under correspondence with the Corporation.